

THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF PORTISHEAD.ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE
YEAR 1947.

The Lodge,
Woodhill Road,
Portishead.

3rd. September, 1948.

To the Chairman and Members of
the Portishead Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the following Report:-

1. GENERAL STATISTICS.

Population. 4,322
Area. 911 acres
Penny Rate. £122. 15s. 2d.

2. BIRTH AND DEATH RATE.

		<u>Portishead.</u>	<u>England & Wales.</u>
Per 1,000.	Birth Rate.	20.6	20.5
Per 1,000.	Death Rate.	6.1	12.0

3. MATERNAL AND INFANT MORTALITY.

Maternal deaths. 0.
Infants under 1 year. 2.

4. NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Pneumonia 2
Whooping Cough 0
Measles 18
Puerperal Pyrexia 1

5. TUBERCULOSIS.

Respiratory 5
Non-Respiratory 1

6. INFANT WELFARE. Attendance is good at this Centre fortnightly and the work done is much appreciated.

7. NURSING. District and Midwifery Nursing is carried out by two Queens Nurses. The Nursing Association is a voluntary one and should have the support of all residents. The First Aid Post is thoroughly established. The post is well equipped and does a most excellent work.

8. AMBULANCES. The St. John Ambulance Brigade run a prompt and efficient service.

9. IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA. Out of a total of 860 children under 15 years of age, 309 have been immunised.

10. WATER SUPPLIES. The supply is satisfactory in quantity. As regards quality the water is much too hard having 68° of hardness. Samples are taken regularly for bacteriological examination, 10 during the year and all were satisfactory. The water is not liable to have plumbo solvent action. There has been no extension or improvement of supplies during the year.

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The Portishead & District Water Company have been asked by the Council and Long Ashton Rural Council to give estimates for the supply of the high level district of Down Road (Portishead) and Redcliffe Bay (Long Ashton) and these are awaited. This supply is more necessary for the Redcliffe Bay area as the supply there is by stand pipes. Mains for a circuit supply are badly needed.

11. SEWAGE DISPOSAL. There has been no extensions of sewers or new works. Extensions of Albert Road Sewer, 100 yds., will be executed during 1948-49.

12. HOUSING SITE SEWERS. The Burlington Road Housing Site sewers are on the separate system laid internally within the site. The foul sewage flows southerly towards Nore Road whilst the surface water runs across Burlington Road to the surface water sewer within the Railway property and then to Albert Road outlet.

All the Prefabs are drained to the Welly Bottom Sewer, as will do the West Hill houses above the sewer at the West Hill Site.

13. HOUSING.

	Houses erected during year.		Houses in course of erection.		Conversions to Flats or dwellings.
	Perm.	Temp.	Perm.	Temp.	
Local Authority.	30	nil.	nil.	nil.	nil.
Private Enterprise.	nil.	nil.	nil.	nil.	3
Totals.	30	-	-	-	3

Houses required:-

(a) To replace unfit	31
(b) To abate overcrowding.	52
(c) Where conditions are unsatisfactory e.g. Two families living in same house but not included in (a) and (b)	122
(d) Others.	31
Total number of applicants for Council houses at the end of the year.	236

Of the above, some 10 applicants are living in Bristol but work at the Portishead Generating Station. The above figures are actual applicants but the figures relating to unfit houses bear no relation to the actual need which is probably at least 100.

14. MILK.

(a) Total number of Registered Dairy Farms.	7
(b) Number of Retailers.	6
(c) Number of Producer Retailers (included in (b)).	3
(d) Number of Licensed Pasteurising Plants.	0
(e) Number of Heat Treatment Plants.	0

15. ICE CREAM.

Number of Premises registered for

(a) Manufacture	3
(b) Sale	6

These premises are being inspected and gradually brought up to meet the Ice Cream Regulations. Three sell only Wall's Ice Cream from Refrigerators and the other three manufacture Ice Cream.

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16. SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

Number of Licensed Slaughter Houses in the District	2
Number of Registered Slaughter Houses in District	2
Number of Slaughter Houses used where horses are slaughtered for human consumption	nil
Names of any in use under Ministry of Food	nil

All meat has been brought into the district from the Ministry of Food, Weston-Super-Mare, since 1940. No slaughter houses in the district have been in use for slaughtering since that time. The slaughter house of Mr.C.J.Wilmott, Somerset House, High Street, Portishead is used by and approved by the Ministry as a depot.

17. RIVER POLLUTION. No cases have been dealt with during the year.

18. KNACKERS YARDS. There are none in the district.

19. FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS ACT, 1937. The number of factories in the District is 2 and the workshops 17. There are no outworkers.

During the year, 2 notices as to defective sanitary accommodation were served and were complied with.

A Bakehouse has been condemned, and this has been remodelled and brought up to date by the owner.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

D.W.BRUCE.
Medical Officer of Health.

